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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher's Newsletter October 2019

Dear parents,

After all the excitement of our harvest celebrations this week, we are certainly in an autumnal mood - and perhaps ready for a half term's rest. As you will see from this newsletter, it's been a busy month...

Harvest Festival



Dingle dangle scarecrows, big red combine harvesters, a healthy harvest crop and fantastic singing and signing; the Highgate Primary harvest celebrations were a heart-warming treat. Special thanks go to our PSA volunteers who delivered the incredible collection of produce to local residents and the Muswell Hill Community Soup Kitchen. Special thanks too to Flo and Michael for turning some of our harvest produce into the soup that was shared in the playground at the end of the day in our annual Soup Share.



Fireworks Night 2019



Thank you to everyone who came along to the school's annual Fireworks Evening last Saturday. Despite trying its best, the heavy rain couldn't dampen the atmosphere and the excellent BBQ and toffee apples kept everyone going whilst watching a rather spectacular display. Thank you again to the PSA and staff for more brilliant work!

National Poetry Day

This year developing the children's oracy skills is a priority, so during our National Poetry Day Assembly, it was wonderful to see the children performing their poems with such clarity, expression and confidence. From hilarious renditions of 'Today the Teacher Farted', to a beautiful recital of 'Chameleon', written by a Year 6 child, it was a treat. Teachers joined in too, sharing some of their favourite poetry, with Richard Carte from Blanche Nevile, a famous poet in his own right, bringing the house down with his performance of Apple Surprise.

Bhaktivedanta Manor



Year 3 really enjoyed visiting the Hindu Temple, Bhaktivedanta Manor, where they re-enacted stories, experienced Hindu worshipping in the mandir and tucked into a delicious vegetarian meal on the temple floor. A wonderful story about Lord Krishna defeating a fire-breathing demon snake when he was just a child, completed this delightful and enriching day.

Seeking an Artist in Residence

We are interested in meeting artists who would like to be an artist in residence in our beautiful art studio, to work on their own projects and collaborate with children to produce significant pieces of art. Our aim is to enrich the curriculum and our children's experience of art, as well as making the most of our art studio. Do get in touch if this is of interest.

Supper Club – Save the Date

Michael Batoux's Supper Club is back on Friday 22nd November at 7pm. Book your babysitter now and join us for some of Michael's delicious food. More information about the event will be available on the school website after half term.

Year 2 at Kenwood



On a beautiful, sunny day, Year 2 immersed themselves in local history at Kenwood House. After exploring the house and grounds, they travelled back in time to be house workers, employing skills such as polishing silver and making butter. Luckily they had honed their crafts by the time Lord Mansfield arrived home to enjoy the meal they had prepared for him, all made from ingredients sourced on the estate.

Cookery Studio



Year 1 children were first in the new cookery studio, baking blackberry and apple crumble! We are thrilled the studio is now in action and are currently creating the timetable of classes and workshops for the current academic year.

Family Centre News



After nine years at the Family Centre, we sadly say goodbye to Kim Slater who is retiring. Kim, well known for her quite unique 'Playing Together' course, has brought a huge amount of educational knowledge to the Family Centre over the years. We will greatly miss her and wish her all the best for a very happy retirement.

Courses coming up after the half term holiday include Baby Massage starting on Thursday 7th November at 1.30pm and Paediatric First Aid on Tuesday 12th November 1-3.00pm. For more information and to book a place please call Katherine on 0203 213 0004.

How to Support the School

Please have a look at our website to find out about the simple and easy ways you can help our school. We are incredibly grateful for all your support.

<https://www.highgateprimaryschool.co.uk/support-us/how-to-help>

Important dates for the diary

Start of Autumn 2	Monday 28 th October
Individual School Photos	Tuesday 29 th October
Year 5 Cake Sale	Friday 1 st November 3.30pm
Nursery to Year 2 Halloween Disco	Friday 1 st November 5.30pm
Flu Immunisations	Tuesday 5 th November
2CW Assembly	Friday 8 th November 9.30 am
2DC Assembly	Friday 15 th November 9.30 am
Parent Consultations	Wednesday 27 th November 4.00-6.00 pm
Parent Consultations	Thursday 28 th November 6.00-8.00 pm
INSET Day School closed to children	Friday 29 th November
Christmas Craft Fair	Saturday 7 th December 12.30 – 4.00 pm
Christmas Show	Wednesday 11 th December 2.00 pm
Christmas Show	Thursday 12 th December 2.00 pm
Nursery & Reception Nativity	Wednesday 18 th December 9.30 am
Last Day of Term	Friday 20 th December 1.30 finish

Have a wonderful half term holiday and I look forward to seeing you on 28th October

With best wishes,

William

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